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a second side adapted to be situated adjacent to said wall, said second side comprising at least one ridge for spacing said second side apart from said wall to enable ventilation between said backing portion and said wall once said paneling unit is secured to said wall; and
 a first side end and a second side end for generally mating with adjacent paneling units, wherein at least one of said side ends has a recess formed on said first side of said backing portion for receiving an edge of a vinyl panel of

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one of said adjacent paneling units to facilitate an overlapping relationship with a side end of said one of said adjacent paneling units.

7. The paneling unit of claim 6 further comprising at least one water escape channel situated on said second side of said backing portion.

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